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Computer Trespass Charges against Judge: ‘Technically Bogus’ Did PAC Mislead Grand Jury to Protect Former Chairman?

ATLANTA GA – The co-founders of VoterGA and the creator of the network traffic monitoring device that was attached to Gwinnett County Superior Court Judge Katheryn Schrader’s computer issued separate statements today that indicate the computer trespass charges made against the judge and three other defendants cannot be technically valid.

Judge Schrader was indicted by a Gwinnett grand jury with three counts of computer trespassing after trying to protect her computer from external hacking with a monitoring device. Georgia’s Prosecuting Attorney’s Council (PAC) obtained three grand jury charges of intent to “remove network traffic”, “alter the network” and “interfere with the use of the … network” even though the SharkTap monitor used has no such capabilities. SharkTap, requires no software and can only copy network data. It cannot transmit data to a network to alter it or interfere with its use.

Judge Schrader had suspected District Attorney Danny Porter of accessing her computer without authorization and she hired Private Investigator T.J. Ward to monitor it. She permitted former detective Frank Karic to connect a SharkTap to her computer and Ward hired computer expert Ed Kramer to monitor overall network packages. Kramer found Schrader’s computer was repeatedly accessed after hours just before his bizarre arrest on a new charge made by Porter.

Porter, a former PAC chairman, engaged the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and supposedly recused himself from the computer trespass case, but effectively co-counseled Kramer’s Oct. 3 bond hearing in the matter when PAC solicitor John Regan could not answer Judge David Sweat’s questions. No one has explained who or what continually accessed Schrader’s computer.

Sharktap creator, Mark Chambers of midBit Technologies provided a statement of functions:

“The SharkTap is specifically designed to monitor Ethernet traffic without interfering with the network link. IT specialists use the product to monitor the status of a network link and to diagnose network problems when necessary. A key requirement of the SharkTap is that it does NOT alter network traffic, since any interference can make for angry network users. So IT professionals choose a SharkTap precisely because they know it will protect them from inadvertently disrupting the network.”

VoterGA co-founders Garland Favorito and Ricardo Davis, having a combined 75 years of experience in computer systems, explained the technical fallacy of the indictment charges:

“The SharkTap used to monitor network traffic on Judge Schrader’s computer has no capability to remove network traffic, alter the network or interfere with the use of the network as the PAC grand jury indictment claims. It appears PAC may have misled the grand jury with technically bogus charges to protect its former chairman, Danny Porter. We hope the court will do its due diligence and allow the grand jurors to be examined so the truth can be revealed.”

When asked how charges PAC obtained could possibly be valid, PAC Communications Director Carla Bozeman stated they could not comment on a pending case. The case continues on November 7th at 1:30pm when Schrader’s attorney, B.J. Bernstein, is expected to present a demurrer. The demurrer may also contend Judge Schrader has authority to protect her computer.